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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Kubik, et al.

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**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR NO FEE**

Asst. Comm. Of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

A Notice of Abandonment, a copy of which is enclosed, was issued for the above-referenced application on March 27, 2002. Applicants believe this abandonment is in error and, therefore, request reinstatement of the application for the following reasons:

The most recent Office Action received by Applicants was dated August 15, 2001 and set forth a three-month period in which to respond. Furthermore, an additional three months was available for responding to the Office Action with the proper extension of time request. Therefore, the initial period for responding to the Office Action ended November 15, 2001 and was extendable to February 15, 2002.

A response, along with a request for a two-month extension of time, were deposited with

the US Postal Service as first class mail accompanied by an appropriate certificate attesting to the deposit on January 15, 2002. Copies of the response and request for a two-month extension of time are enclosed.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe the attached response was timely filed. Therefore, applicants request reinstatement of the application for no fee.

For your convenience, a courtesy copy of the recently filed Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney are enclosed.

Date April 22, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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